

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2003, 7:30 P.M. AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: ROBERT BELMAN, THOMAS VILLACRES, ROBERT HUNT, BARBARA COLE, KAREN ZINK, PATRICIA HEALY, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND EDWARD SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN, JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT, AND GLORIA ANZALONE SHELTON, CLERK OF THE BOARD.**

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation. The meeting was preceded at 6:30 p.m. by the Parent Roundtable.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MR. VILLACRES THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE REVISED AGENDA. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Patty Keating, Nancy Zollner, Dale Goodrich, and George Sperry requested the School Board name the new elementary school after Sandy Freeby, Librarian at Winding Creek Elementary School, who was recently deceased. Mary Connolly commented on the decision to reopen school after the hurricane. Monique Sanders commented on a bus stop in Stafford Lakes subdivision.

#### **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

**Student Matters** - (Closed Session)

**Personnel Matters** - (Closed Session)

#### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Villacres stated there would be a PPEA Executive Committee meeting on September 25 at 3:00 p.m. to consider final modification to the site plan.

#### **Authorization of VSBA Regional Vice-Chair**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE MR. VILLACRES TO SERVE AS VSBA REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Comments**

Ms. Healy stated that she had attended the Gifted Advisory Committee and

looked forward to working with the committee on the challenges facing gifted

education. She also recognized Lisa Sherman, PTO President of Rockhill Elementary School, for her many long hours of hard work and volunteerism on behalf of the students. Ms. Healy also commended the Transportation Department on their many successes and improvements made this school year. Ms. Zink noted that Hartwood Elementary School was chosen to represent Virginia in the nationwide Constitution Day event on September 17. Mr. Hunt recommended that the Board defer action on the RFP for two middle schools and to focus on educating the community on the need for construction to include cost and the impact on education. Mr. Villacres thanked the superintendent for focusing on the role of advisory committees and stated that he felt the work of the committees would increase parental involvement. Mr. Villacres suggested that a legislative position paper be prepared to share with area legislators on the Board's behalf. Mr. Belman thanked the parents who participated in the roundtable. Mr. Sullivan commended staff for their hard work and the many extra hours worked in preparation for Hurricane Isabel and its aftermath.

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **Comments**

Dr. Bengier reported that Stafford County was one of 114 in the country to receive a professional development grant for teaching American History in the amount of \$999,456. The grant will be shared with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania school divisions.

Dr. Murray reviewed how the decisions were made concerning the reopening of school after the hurricane and offered apologies to those families who were inconvenienced by the decisions made. She conferred with several sources to make the proper decisions and felt it would be in the best interests of the students to return to a normal schedule as soon as possible by returning to school.

Dr. Murray introduced Robert Bingham, Assistant Principal for Poole Middle School, and Lynette Lewis, Administrative Assistant for Rockhill Elementary School who were both appointed by the School Board.

Dr. Murray stated that the Board of Supervisors would like to hold a joint meeting on September 29.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8A-8G. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the September 9 and September 16, 2003 Meetings

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- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Payment of Bills
- D. Approval of Purchase: Dump Truck
- E. Overnight Field Trip Request
- F. Approval of Purchase: Elementary/Middle Schools Dictionaries
- G. Proclamation: Make a Difference Day

#### **8H. Appropriation of Grants/Additional Funds**

**MOTION MADE BY MR.VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A \$3.0 MILLION GRANTS/ ADDITIONAL FUNDS RESERVE ACCOUNT IN THE SCHOOL OPERATING FUND. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **RFP: Two Middle Schools**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MS. COLE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DEFER ACTION ON THE RFP FOR TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND REQUESTED THAT IT BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND REQUEST STAFF REVIEW THE IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN 2005 AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL IN 2006 AND REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN.**

##### **Equipment for Televising School Board Meetings**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE TAPED DELAYED BROADCAST OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS AND TO PURCHASE VIDEO BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00.**

**THE MOTION WAS AMENDED BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MS. COLE BY REDUCING THE HOURLY WAGES FROM \$20 TO \$12 AND FROM \$13 TO \$8. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES AND MS. COLE; VOTING IN OPPOSITION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY A VOTE OF 2-5.**

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN; MS. COLE OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6-1.

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**Resolution - PPEA - Middle School 2005**

MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DEFER ACTION ON THE PPEA RESOLUTION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2005 UNTIL THE OCTOBER 14 MEETING. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Value Engineering Proposal Elementary School 2004**

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD DEFER ACTION ON THE VALUE ENGINEERING PROPOSAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2004 UNTIL THE OCTOBER 14 MEETING. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Head Start Annual Plan**

The School Board received the Head Start Annual Plan. Action will be requested at the next meeting.

**Technology Update**

The School Board received an update from the Technology Department on improvements made during the summer months. No action was requested.

**Proposed Revision R5-53.2 Service Personnel: Bus Drivers**

The School Board received proposed revisions to R5-53.2, Service Personnel: Bus Drivers. No action was requested.

**Proposed Revision R5-35, Direct Deposit of Employees' Payroll**

The School Board received proposed revisions to R5-35: Direct Deposit of Employees' Payroll. No action was requested.

**Naming Elementary School 2004**

The School Board received several suggested names for the Elementary School 2004. Ms. Healy suggested that the School Board also consider the dedication of a

portion of a facility to honor an individual. Ms. Cole encouraged the development of guidelines to name future schools. Action will be requested at the next meeting.

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**Closed Session**

**Motion: Mr. Villacres**

**Seconded: Ms. Healy**

**Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 6A and 6B:**

**To discuss student matters as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (2) of the Code of Virginia; and to discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1) of the Code of Virginia.**

**Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Belman, Mr. Villacres, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Cole, Ms. Zink, Ms. Healy, and Mr. Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously. (Ms. Cole then left the meeting).**

**The School Board reconvened into open session.**

**Certification of Closed Meeting**

**Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and**

**Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;**

**Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.**

**Motion: Mr. Villacres**

**Second: Ms. Healy**

**Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Belman, Mr. Villacres, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Zink, Ms. Healy, and Mr. Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Student Matters**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT**

THE SCHOOL BOARD ALLOW STUDENT "A" TO ENROLL IN AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM, AS APPROPRIATE. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MS. ZINK THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ALLOW STUDENT "B" TO CONTINUE IN THE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OVERTURN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ALLOW STUDENT "C" TO ATTEND STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.